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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAQ

¶1. SUMMARY: DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO IRAQ CONTINUED TO GENERATE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL MEDIA. THE GENERAL TONE IN THE ARABIC EDITORIALS OPPOSES A WAR WITH IRAQ OF WHICH "NO ONE CAN ANTICIPATE THE CONSEQUENCES." HOWEVER, THE SAME EDITORIALS URGED IRAQ TO COMPLY WITH UN RESOLUTIONS AND COOPERATE

WITH THE UN WEAPONS INSPECTORS. END SUMMARY.

12. COMMENTING ON RECENT ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE U.S.,  
DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED ARABIC DAILY "AL-BAYAN"  
EDITORIALIZED ON 1/20:

"WE ARE NOT EXAGGERATING WHEN WE SAY THAT THE U.S. IS HEADING  
TOWARDS MORE ANTI-WAR DOMESTIC DEMONSTRATIONS. AMERICANS EXPECT  
THAT THEIR POPULAR PROTESTS WITNESSED IN AMERICAN CITIES WILL BE  
LARGER THAN THOSE AGAINST THE VIETNAM WAR IN THE LATE SIXTIES....  
THOSE DEMONSTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES OVER THE  
WEEKEND CONSTITUTE A LATE CHANCE TO ELIMINATE THE SPECTER OF WAR  
IN LIGHT OF STATEMENTS MADE BY HANS BLIX CARRYING A RAY OF HOPE.  
HE SAID THAT WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE AND THAT THE INSPECTIONS ARE  
THE ALTERNATIVE, WHICH HE ADDED, IS SUBJECT TO BAGHDAD'S  
WILLINGNESS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION AND THE REQUIRED PROVISION OF  
THE CORRECT DOCUMENTS. THEREFORE, IRAQ MUST DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO  
GAIN (THE SUPPORT OF) WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IN LIGHT OF AMERICAN  
PUBLIC OPINION, PROVIDING BAGHDAD A GREAT FAVOR WHICH IT MUST  
GRASP."

13. CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE CRISIS WITH IRAQ,  
ABU DHABI-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AKHBAR AL-ARAB" EDITORIALIZED ON  
1/21:

"... EFFORTS TO AVERT THE WAR SHOULD NOT STOP FOR A MOMENT AND  
SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO DEMANDS FOR THE IRAQI PRESIDENT TO STEP  
DOWN AND SPARE IRAQ THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR. (THESE EFFORTS)  
MUST EXTEND TO INCLUDE MAKING WASHINGTON AND THE UN ALLOW THE  
INSPECTORS MORE TIME AND GIVE THE LEADERSHIP IN BAGHDAD  
ADDITIONAL CHANCES TO PURSUE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO CONVINCE THE  
WORLD THAT IRAQ IS HEADING TOWARDS A NEW PHASE .... PEACEFUL  
SOLUTIONS DESERVE FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES WITH A DETERMINATION TO  
IMPLEMENT THESE SOLUTIONS BECAUSE THE ALTERNATIVE IS A WAR FOR  
WHICH WE CANNOT EVEN ANTICIPATE THE CONSEQUENCES."

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